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SUBJECT: TRI-REGIONAL DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

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1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA CALLED ON DEPUTY
SECRETARY RUSH FEBRUARY 1 TO REPORT JAPANESE APPROACH
AT BONN TO FRG IN EC CAPACITY. YASUKAWA SAID BONN
CONVERSATION CONSTITUTED EXPLORATORY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS
WITHOUT CONCRETE PROPOSALS. LAST AUTUMN EC HAD PROPOSED

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TO JAPAN A BILATERAL DECLARATION. GOJ INTERIM RESPONSE
AT THAT TIME IS NOW FORMAL JAPANESE POSITION - TRI-
REGIONAL DECLARATION MOST DESIRABLE. GOJ HAS NOTED USG
PROGRESS WITH EC IN NEGOTIATING BILATERAL AND THEREFORE

FELT IT APPROPRIATE NOW BEGIN INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH EC. YASUKAWA STRESSED THAT GOJ STILL HEWS TO BASIC POSITION OF WANTING TRI-REGIONAL DECLARATION AND THAT THIS HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR TO FRG.

2. YASUKAWA SAID THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING NEW IN FRG RESPONSE TO JAPANESE APPROACH AT BONN- FRG, SPEAKING FOR GERMANY RATHER THAN FOR EC, SAID THAT IF AND WHEN US/EC AND JAPAN/EC BILATERALS CONCLUDED, FRG WOULD BE READY TO CONSIDER TRI-REGIONAL DECLARATION. YASUKAWA SAID TO INSURE PRECISION, HE HAD RECHECKED THIS POINT WITH FRG AMBASSADOR WASHINGTON WHO ASSURED HIM THAT WAS FRG POLICY,BUT SAID HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR OTHERS IN EC.

3. DEPUTY SECRETARY STATED USG POSITION SAME AS GOJ. USG STRONGLY WANTS TRI-REGIONAL DECLARATION AND WE WILL NOT ABANDON THAT POLICY. USG HAS NO PLANS FOR ANYTHING TO SUBSTITUTE FOR TRI-REGIONAL DECLARATION, WE WILL STICK TO THIS POLICY AND WE WILL SUCCEED. FRENCH ARE RECALCITRANT ON THIS AS THEY WERE ON EC/US BILATERAL, AS THEY ARE ON ENERGY QUESTIONS, ETC. RESENTMENT IN EUROPE IS GROWING AGAINST THE FRENCH AND WE ARE CONFIDENT THEY WILL BE ISOLATED.

4. DEPUTY SECRETARY AND AMBASSADOR YASUKAWA CONCLUDED CONVERSATION BY AGREEING THAT A CONTINUED RESOLUTE US AND JAPAN POSITION FOR A TRI-REGIONAL DECLARATION WILL BE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT USG AND GOJ WILL REMAIN IN CLOSE TOUCH TO COORDINATE TACTICS TOWARDS EUROPEANS TO ACHIEVE OUR COMMON AIM. KISSINGER

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